

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-8 are pending in the application, with Claims 1 and 5 being independent claims.

Claims 1-3 and 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kokubo (U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No.2003/0119562).

Claims 4 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kokubo in view of Kido (U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No.2001/0016508).

Regarding the rejection of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C § 102(e), the Examiner states that Kokubo anticipates each and every element of the claim. Amended Claim 1 recites “a third housing including *a second display . . . to rotate about the hinge axis*” and “*the second display being exposed and facing the first lower surface . . . at the closed position.*” The present application teaches a portable communication apparatus that has a first housing 10 including a first upper surface 10a and a first lower surface 10b, a first display 212 disposed on a second housing 20 rotatable about a hinge axis A between an open position and a closed position with respect to the first housing, and a second display 310 disposed on a third housing 30. The second display 310, being included in the third housing 30, is rotatable with the third housing 30 about the hinge axis A with respect to the first housing 10. Further, the second display 310 is exposed and facing the first lower surface 10b when the second housing 20 is at the closed position .

Kokubo discloses a foldable portable telephone 100 that includes an operation unit 160, a display unit 120 having a main display unit 122 and rotatable with respect to the operation unit 160 about a hinge unit 140 having a sub-display unit 142 (FIG. 1A, paragraphs [0036]-[0037]).

However, the sub-display unit 142 of Kobuko is *stationary* with respect to the operation unit 160, and is rotatable with respect to the display unit 120 (FIGs. 1A and 1B). In contrast, the second display 310 of the present application *rotatable* with respect to the first housing 10, and is stationary with respect to the second housing 20.

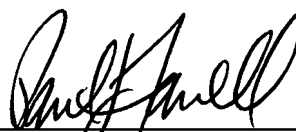
Further, the sub-display unit 142 of Kobuko is facing the *upper surface* of the operation unit 160 *at the closed position* (FIGs. 1A and 1B). In contrast, the second display 310 of the present application is facing the *lower surface* of the first housing *at the closed position* (FIG. 4).

Clearly, Claim 1 structurally differs from Kobuko.

Regarding the rejection of Claim 5 under 35 U.S.C § 102(e), the above rationale for Amended Claim 1 also similarly applies to Amended Claim 5 with respect to Kobuko.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the application, namely, Claims 1-8, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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